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1. Rude Pravo of 19 Jan 52 carried an article entitled "Koh-I-Noor Will Fulfill the Plan", which stated that Gustav Kliment, Minister of Heavy Machinery, had visited the Koh-I-Noor plant in Prague-Vrsovice. According to the article, plant production was ordered to be increased by about 32 per cent, and the plant would be fully utilized, employing three full shifts instead of two. Also, a plan to save more on non-ferrous metals was adopted. The general manager of the plant is Winter (fnu).

25X1X   2. [ ] the plant produced various articles such as snap-fasteners, buttons, pins, zippers, etc. The Koh-I-Noor trade mark was well known, products of the Prague factory were exported all over the world until 1949 or 1950. Until it was nationalized, the Koh-I-Noor plant was owned by the Waldes family, now in the US (they have a similar business in Queens, New York City).

3. The fact that the Minister of Heavy Industry visited the plant might indicate that it has recently changed from producing light consumer goods to heavy machinery. The remarks of the Minister indicate that Koh-I-Noor must be considered important for the fulfillment of the five-year plan.

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